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In re application of:

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FOR PREDETERMINED PROTEIN
FAMILIES

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RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006, requesting an election of invention and species.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 2-8. As a species election, applicants select nuclear hormone receptors.

As a consensus sequence, applicants elect the 21 nucleotide sequence on page 22, lines 4-6 of the specification:

Consensus sequence (21 nt):

(A/T/G) (C/T) (A/G/T/C) TG(T/C) (A/G) (A/G) (A/C/G/T)
 T/S/A C D/E/G/N

(A/G) (C/G) (A/C/G/T) TG(T/C) (A/T) (A/C/G) (A/C/G)
 G/S/A C K/S

(A/G) (C/G/T) (A/C/G/T)
 G/S/V/A

The following claims read on the elected species: 1-8.

Pursuant to Rule 133(b), applicants acknowledge the telephone interview with Examiner Shibuya on September 6, 2006, that clarified the election of species request.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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